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WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) calls for urgent effective action to counter global warming.

- Iraq-Kuwait Border Demarcation Commission completes on-site visit, having inspected entire border area.

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Increasing scientific evidence of global warming underlined the need for urgent effective action to counter it, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Mostafa K. Tolba, said today in a message sent to the second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change, which began work in Geneva today on an international treaty to reduce the warming-up of the earth's climate.

Mr. Tolba said the mounting body of evidence on global warming and climate change showed the ever more pressing need for an effective convention with commitments and clout. There was increasing scientific evidence of global warming, he said, and an urgent need for action.

Measures to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide and other gases that contribute to global warming, a reduction in the use of fossil fuels, the development and wide-scale use of energy-efficient technologies, as well as reforestation programmes are among proposals under consideration.

The negotiators are aiming at completing the framework for a convention in time for signature at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992.

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The Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission has completed an on-site visit in the area in accordance with Security Council resolution 687 (1991) setting the conditions for a cease-fire.

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The independent experts of the Commission, appointed by the Secretary-General, held fruitful discussions with the Kuwaiti representative and Kuwaiti experts in Kuwait City, as well as with the Iraqi representative and Iraqi experts in Baghdad.

Yesterday, the entire Commission, accompanied by experts from Iraq and Kuwait, inspected the entire length of the border area. The flight over the border area was facilitated by officers and helicopters of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM). Commission members will review the findings of the on-site visit and commence substantive discussions on 2 July at United Nations headquarters at Geneva.

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